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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Thousands of Others Needed to Accept Quotas in Sword 20th Anniversary Plans

By the Editor

Months ago as I read an old letter from Dr. Robert G. Lee of Memphis, I was startlingly impressed anew with his statement, "THE SWORD OF THE LORD ought to have a million readers." I was impressed that certainly there ought to be a million people reading THE SWORD OF THE LORD every week and that we ought to pray and work toward such an end. As I waited on God about our expansion plans, I felt clearly led to undertake to have 200,000 paid subscribers to THE SWORD OF THE LORD by our twentieth anniversary, which will take place September 28, 1954. After a great deal of study, I was led to outline a plan whereby 2,690 people could assume quotas of subscriptions, from 25 up to 1,000 subscriptions each, to be turned in within one year, making a total of 200,000 subscriptions.

Well, we have only gotten started. It has taken quite a while to get the matter sold to the people. But already 278 people have accepted subscription quotas, totalling 19,570, which they agree to turn in by September 28, 1954. Some of them will pay for the subscriptions themselves. Others will solicit subscriptions from others. The subscriptions will be either new or renewal. And every one who signs a solemn agreement to undertake to send in 25, or 50, or 100, or 250, or 500, or 1,000 subscriptions to THE SWORD is allowed

to get subscriptions at the rock-bottom rate of \$1.50 per year in the United States and \$2 per year in Canada and foreign countries.

You will be interested in the number of people taking the various quotas, I am sure.

5 people have pledged 1,000 subscriptions;
4 have promised 500 subscriptions each;
3 have promised 250 subscriptions;
1 has undertaken 200 subscriptions;

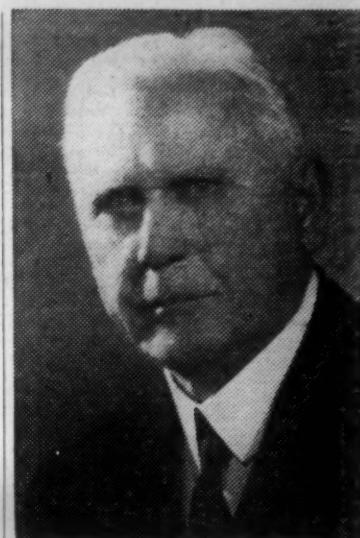
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Christ A-is ADEQUATE!

Winning to Christ the Main Business of Christian, Whether Preacher, Parent, Teacher, Business Man, Church Officer.

By the late Rev. Geo. W. Truett, D.D. LL.D.
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"For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be put to shame."—Romans 10:11 (A.S.V.).



Dr. George W. Truett

In this first service of our spring revival, I desire to speak upon the "Adequacy of Christ," as suggested by a sentence in Paul's letter to the church at Rome. Paul's letters and sermons were always Christ-centered. This sentence found in the eleventh verse of the tenth chapter of Romans, discloses the central note of all evangelical preaching: "For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be put to shame." The careful Bible reader will observe that I have quoted from the American Standard Version in this text which brings out the truth more clearly. Whatever Paul's theme, he always linked it up with Christ. To the Corinthians (I Cor. 2:2) he wrote: "I determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." To the Galatians (Gal. 6:14) he said: "God forbid that I should glory in the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ." And again to the Corinthians (II Cor. 4:5) he said of himself: "We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."

Paul realized and unhesitatingly affirmed that there is only one adequate hope and help for humanity, and that such hope and

help are to be found in Christ and in Him alone. Surely, it is of infinite moment that we follow his example in this great matter of giving our witness for Christ. He always pointed people to Christ as the one and only adequate hope and help for them, for the present and for the unfolding and never-ending future.

Just before Paul's declaration in our text, he laid bare his heart. He said: "I say the truth in Christ. I lie not, my conscience bearing witness in the Holy Ghost, that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh. My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved." First of all, and most of all, and before all else and through and after all else, Paul pointed the people ever to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world.

Soul Winning to Be the Master Passion of Every Christian

The mission—the main business of every friend and follower of Christ is to give witness always so

clearly and so urgently that men and women hearing that witness shall understand that there is just one way out for mankind, and that way is Christ. This matter of witnessing for Christ and winning people for Christ, of reminding everybody that salvation alone is by Christ, is not incidental or secondary, but it is a matter of vital and supreme moment for us all. It is a time for all of us in Dallas and in America and in the world who profess to be followers of Christ, in every way we can, wisely and faithfully to remind the people that they are hurrying through time and into eternity and that there is only one adequate hope and help for mankind—just one—and that one is Christ. Here is our mission. This must be our witness.

The care of souls is the primary and central and supreme and unceasing task of every Christian in the world, without any exception. The first word in Christ's marching orders to His people is: "Go and make disciples." The early Christians, in obedience to Christ's orders, witnessed and testified in such a fashion as to make a mighty imprint on the world of

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Modern Science and the ARK of NOAH

By the Late Harry Rimmer, D.D., Sc.D.

Perhaps we should call this chapter "Ignorance and the Ark," for like so many other so-called scientific objections to the truth of God's Word, the arguments that are directed against the record of the ark spring out of ignorance. On this, as upon all other scriptural subjects, the person who challenges the inspiration and truth of the Bible succeeds magnificently in just one particular. That is, he advertises a boundless and abounding personal ignorance of the subject upon which he speaks. We have often observed that objections made to the biblical account of Noah's ark are never made from the standpoint of knowledge, but from the viewpoint of misunderstanding.

Many years ago we spent part of our childhood in a small town, which had its local infidel, as did most such centers of residence. It was his constant boast that he was too "educated" to believe the Bible, and after "thorough" study, he had rejected it entirely. One day, in an informal discussion, this wise unbeliever hung himself, as calves are said to do when they have plenty of rope! Turning to the teacher who had for an hour confounded him in every point, the exasperated infidel asked, "Do you believe the story of the ark that Noah built?"

The teacher replied, "I certainly do."

A foxy gleam lit the eye of the infidel. "Tell me," he said, "How long was the ark?"

"Three hundred cubits long, fifty wide, and thirty high."

"It must have weighed several



Dr. Harry Rimmer

The Hands Of The Saviour

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"... behold my hands..."—John 20:27.

One of the first things I usually notice of people is the form of their hands. There are many different types. There are the big workman's fists with their thick square fingers with iron-hard nails; there are the beautiful hands with long, muscular fingers of the pianist, and in my mind I still can see the frail fingers and the wrinkled hand of my grandmother as she grasped the family hymnal when she went to church.

However, this time I am not interested in these various hands. I am just interested in the hands of my Saviour as they hung the stars in their places and as they caressed the galaxy at the moment He finished His creating work, as a father caresses the curly hair of his boy. People today laugh at these hands; they refuse to believe in a God whose fingers formed the heavens, but they do so because they are afraid of their moral responsibility towards Him. But whether they believe it or not, these hands took the mud of a just-drying world, modelled it till it had the shape of a wonderful creature as a sand artist does on the beach. God, however, did not leave the model to the disastrous power of high tide, but blowing in its nostrils, He created man.

"Behold my hands!" A great

silence had fallen upon the group of young men who had locked themselves in so well in their upperroom, when, in spite of the locks and the shutters, their Lord stands in their midst. They are speechless, afraid, wondering what wonderful things will happen this time. All except Thomas have seen the risen Saviour before. They know He lives, but nevertheless a holy hush has closed their mouths. The Lord doesn't look at them; He only looks at Thomas, the man who so proudly had said he would only believe if he saw, he would only accept if he could touch the scars and holes in the hands and feet of Christ. Now he sees the very hands that formed the universe, mutilated, marred, a hole going straight through them. He shivers; his head feels warm and cold at

the very same time. "Behold my hands!" It rings in his ears and it reverberates against the walls of the ages and comes to us with the very same force.

Have you ever looked at these hands, once so beautiful, but now so hopelessly torn forever because of my sins and your guilt?

Thomas looks and in the split second before he drops on his knees to utter his wonderful

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Rev. J. J. van Capelleveen

For Young People

Miracles of Science

Enthralling and Curious Facts of Nature
Showing the Miraculous Scientific Evidences
of God's Hand in Creation.
39 Wonderful Chapters on

The Honey-Bees' Knees
How Honey-Bees Make Honey
The Marvels of Honey Comb
Baby Bees and Their Nurses
The Bees Build a Mausoleum
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God's Plan for Water Distribution
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Spouting Whales
More About Whales
Hippo, Giraffe, and Mountain Goat
The Strange Story of Baby Kangaroo
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The Animal that Carries Its Own Water Tank
The Man the Bible Calls a Fool
What Scientists Think About God
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Nature's Streamlined Flyers
Talking Birds
The Strange Job of Laying Eggs



BY ARTHUR
I. BROWN, M.D.

How Honey-Bees Make Honey

For thousands of years man has gazed on the honey-bee with awe and wonderment. This tiny bit of animated protoplasm possesses a mysterious power which enables it to perform the most intricate and complex physiological operations and, by amazing industry, to accomplish remarkable feats of hive construction. The wax material for its home is manufactured in its own body. The bee exhibits more than human skill in producing honey from the watery fluid she finds in the heart of flowers. Then, having effected this magic change, she makes a gift of it to mankind.

Many centuries ago, honey was the main sugar supply of the world. As early as 3,500 B. C. Egyptian monuments portrayed the honey bee as an honored member of the community, supplying ample quantities of this delightful product, which sold at about five cents a quart.

Bees ask few favors of mankind except that of non-interference. They are brave and self-reliant, dying at the post of duty, literally of physical exhaustion, worn out by their strenuous labors. The active life of the worker bee is only about 35 or 40 days. Man may kill the bee, but he cannot conquer it.

The bee is almost the only

domesticated insect among the 600,000 insect species. The honey produced annually is worth millions of dollars; and the value of bees to orchardists, whose plants are pollinated, is incalculable.

In all its varied forms the bee is guided by instinct. Its short life permits but scant time for learning. In a very few days after hatching from the larval stage, we find bees gathering honey and taking part in all the active operations of the hive. This work would seem to require a knowledge of chemistry, architecture and other arts, which man learns slowly and laboriously. It begins life fully provided with everything needed to carry out the diversified jobs allotted to it. The only explanation that seems possible is CREATION.

The art of manufacturing honey is the sole prerogative of bees. They have a long, hollow tongue, which is a sucking tube able to reach the deepest part of the flower and extract the tiny drop of nectar. This is repeated from flower to flower until the honey bag or crop is full. Then the chemical factory within the body begins to function. From the salivary glands in the mouth, complex organic substances, known as enzymes, are poured out and mixed with the nectar. As the bee flies

home, the sugar of the nectar is being changed into the dextrose and levulose of honey.

At the hive, the load of nectar is passed on to the crops of the younger workers who are acting as nurses for the 1,000 to 1,500 bee babies born daily. These nurse bees force the fluid in and out through their bodies in a thorough mixing process until a thin honey is formed which contains considerable water. This thin honey is emptied into the cells, which are not capped until sufficient water has evaporated, and it has the proper consistency.

We can appreciate the prodigious labor involved in honey making, when we know that it takes about 37,000 loads of nectar to make one pound of honey and that the workers from one hive—say, 35,000 to 50,000—will visit more than a quarter of a million blossoms in a single day, gathering this amount. To collect a pound of honey, even where flowers are plentiful, requires a flight mileage of 50,000 miles—equal to two circuits of the globe.

The bee has two pairs of amazingly efficient and powerful wings. They give evidence of special designing. The larger front wing has on its rear edge a ridge. To this ridge, hooks on the front edge of the back wing are fastened when flying. This device converts the four wings into two large ones for flight. Otherwise they would be too big to fit the small six-sided cells into which the bee must enter, so, at rest, the wings overlap beautifully and easily, thus reducing their size. No chance about this.

The wings beat 190 times a second or 11,400 times a minute, moving in a figure-of-eight design which makes possible flight in any direction—up, down, side to side, backward and forward; and as we have seen many times, the bee can poise motionless while hovering over a flower. The wings are very powerful so that the bee can lift loads much heavier than itself and fly at an estimated speed of about 15 miles an hour with apparent ease.

Yes, these are Miracles of Science, but may I bring to you again some thoughts about that other Miracle—the product of the wisdom of the divine Author—known as the Word of God?

The Apostle Paul was a great scholar and one of the keenest intellectuals who ever walked the world's stage. He wrote long ago to some friends in Thessalonica, and we read in his first letter to the Thessalonians, chapter 2, verse 13 (American Standard):

"We also thank God without ceasing that when ye received from us the Word of God, ye accepted it not as the word of man, but, as it is in truth, the Word of God."

The conditions under which the Book was written convince the reader of its divine inspiration. It was produced by men ranking from peasants to kings; yet one unified theme of worship is found throughout its pages.

With hundreds of conflicting pagan cults and heathen practices surrounding the divine penmen as they wrote the 66 books, during the fifteen centuries covered by its writing, its divinity is undenied. One voice speaks from all the records of Holy Scripture.

Where did the writers of the Bible get such conceptions of the one God while the foremost nations were worshipping idols, while Egypt bowed to the crocodile, and Athens gave 60,000 women to the terrible rites of Venus, while Rome was adoring the bloody God of war, while even the Parsi got no higher than to turn his face eastward and adore the sun? Who guarded the Scriptures from the pagan influences and fanciful philosophies of that day?

Few things are more arresting than the marvelous way in which certain brief statements in this Book have won the hearts of all kinds and conditions of men. I am thinking of John 3:16 and the world-shaking pronouncement of Jesus Christ:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Peasants and kings, statesmen and beggars, the self-righteous

Preaching ~ Power ~ Promotion



"... the word of the Lord... Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of hosts."—Zech. 4:8

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I. Judah's Last Revival

Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign... And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left" (II Kings 22: 1-2).

1. Josiah was a mere youth at the start of his reign. God uses young people, even boys and girls. See II Kings 5:1-27; John 6:1-14. Some boys and girls are good soul winners.

Some young people are great in prayer. In my own ministry the two greatest all-night prayer meetings, and within eight days of each other, were led by young people in revival. Recently in revival in Pennsylvania young people stood out in conducting several prayer meetings until midnight. God heard!

Some young people are great in worship. As pastor I looked for some young people in every service. See Ecclesiastes 12:1.

2. Josiah was the son of a bad

saint and the God-defying sinner, the child at mother's knee, and the aged about to step into eternity, the ignorant and untaught, the wise and the learned, the rich man and the poor man, have all heard the music of this heavenly pronouncement. They have believed it, trusted it, and been saved by it.

Egerton Young, the great missionary to the Indians, tells how he once invaded the Nelson River district and opened work among the people who had never before heard the Gospel. As he tells the story of how he was surrounded by 250 or 300 Indians—wild and war-like savages—he says, "I read aloud the sublime word: 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.' They listened with rapt attention as through four hours I talked to them of the truths of this glorious verse. When I had finished, every eye turned towards the chief. He rose, and coming near me, delivered one of the most thrilling addresses I have ever heard.

"Missionary," exclaimed the stately old chief, "I have not for a long time believed in our religion. I hear God in the thunder, in the tempest, and in the storm. I see His power in the lightning that shivers the trees. I see His goodness in giving us the moose, the reindeer, the beaver and the bear. I see His loving-kindness in sending, when the south winds blow, the ducks and the geese; and when the ice and snow melt away and our lakes and rivers are open again, I see how He fills them with fish. I have watched all this for years, and I have felt that the Great Spirit, so kind and watchful and loving, could not be pleased with the beating of the drum or the shaking of the rattle by the medicine man, and so I have had no religion, but what you have just said fills my heart with joy and satisfies its longings. I am so glad you have come with this wonderful story. Henceforth this Jesus is my God and this poor Indian is His."

That was a great decision for an Indian chief and a wise one. What are you going to do about this question?

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father and of a bad grandfather, God can even give victory over evil parentage as great a handicap as that is. Oftimes a weak child blames all sin and failure on parents. God holds the parents responsible but He also holds the child responsible.

3. Josiah's son was evil. God had said long ago, "down to the third and fourth generation" (Exod. 20: 1-6). Heredity is a tremendous fact! We ought to give the best to our children, our grandchildren, and to our great grandchildren.

4. Josiah lived for a while in the midst of evil surroundings. In God's power he lived above his surroundings. In God's power he lived above his environment. It shows that youth does not have to succumb to environment. Of course God was a figure in the influences about him, as was Satan.

5. God's law of heredity is seen in that four generations back, a great grandfather was the good king Hezekiah. God keeps His word both ways.

6. Josiah looked in the right direction: toward God, the law of God, toward his forbear David, toward God's leader, the priest.

7. Josiah had the right attitude toward God's building. He helped repair it.

8. Josiah taught the people in the Word of God.

9. Josiah was not afraid to Covenant with God. He did it with his whole heart (II Kings 23:3).

10. Josiah removed heathen priests and idolatrous priests from the house of God.

11. The passover was kept—worship as well as work for God was re-established. Small wonder God says of him, "And like unto him was there no king before him that turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him" (II Kings 23:25).

12. Even yet Josiah could not keep sin from paving off in death in the nation Judah.

So, we see revival and sin working in the lives of people side by side then as now. Life or death? Choose life!

II.

Real Revival in Alabama

I am here in Alabama for one month of revival. The first week has passed with 114 walking the aisles for Christ—14 for church membership, and others coming in different ways. Pastor Bill Scruggs, of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, is the very able spiritual leader. His wife, nee Joan Henderson, was a member of our church on another field—a very fine helper. These young leaders deserve the best in Him. I find some very fine lay leadership here with some very wonderful young people. Doxology! More later.

III.

Order Your Pack Now

The printer is now printing our order of beautiful 1954 varicolored monthly stand-up calendar building fund envelopes in packs of 12. You will want them to use throughout 1954. We will mail them to persons now using our 1953 packs. Others should get requests in now! It is for Him!

IV.

For His Birthday

Christians everywhere desire to do something extra for Him at the Christmas season. It is a birthday gift for Him on this traditional date. We will help you. Watch for Christmas stocking announcement!

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*She Came To America***TO GET A JAPANESE TRACT!**

It is always thrilling for us to hear of someone in Japan who has been saved through reading a Gospel tract printed in the Japanese language. And it is doubly thrilling if that tract happens to be John Rice's booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" But this story has a decidedly unexpected twist—it is the story of a Japanese girl who came all the way to America and was won to Christ with the help of a tract printed in the Japanese language.

Married a G. I.
At present, I am in a revival

campaign with the Moore Avenue Baptist Church of Anniston, Alabama. (Incidentally, this is a wonderful campaign with the church packed and jammed night after night, and a number of conversions each night.) One night Horrace Homesley, the pastor, nudged me while we were sitting on the platform.

"Have you noticed the Japanese girl on our left near the back?" he asked. I looked and sure enough there she was, a young mother with a husky baby in her arms.

"I want you to meet her after the service," he went on, "and I want you to hear her story. It will certainly be of interest to you."



Sachiko Suzuki

After the service, the lovely young woman came forward and I had the pleasure of shaking her hand, petting the baby, and hearing of her conversion. It seems that Corporal (now top sergeant) Carl J. Swearengen had also noticed her when he was one of our occupation soldiers in Japan after the great war. At that time, she was Sachiko Suzuki. The two fell in love and were married and she, of course, returned with him when he came back to the States.

She Spoke No English

He was not a Christian, but his folks were and encouraged the young couple to attend the Moore Avenue Baptist Church. To Sachiko the Gospel was something very new and very strange. Not only that, but she only knew a few words of English, and it was very, very difficult for the pastor to explain to her the plan of salvation. If only he could find someone who could speak Japanese!

And then he found his answer in THE SWORD OF THE LORD!

In THE SWORD he read how we were printing multiplied thousands of "Whats" in the Japanese language, and he immediately wrote to Dr. John R. Rice requesting that a copy be sent to him. The tract was promptly sent, and after that everything was easy. Brother Homesley gave the tract to the girl, and she eagerly read it and was gloriously converted.

About six months later her husband, now stationed in Kentucky, was also saved. Her new-found faith, her enthusiastic testimony, the buoyancy of her spirit just about swept him off his feet and now he, too, is a radiant Christian.

Almost every night Sachiko must leave the auditorium to take her baby to the nursery. I was amused last night at what she said after the service. Throwing her tiny hands up over her head in mock despair, she said, "Why I come! I never hear nothing. Always the baby cry! But I do love to be with those pippies!"

Buy That Tract

Don't you wish YOU had paid for that tract that won her to Christ? Well, do this—pay for the one that wins the next Japanese to Jesus by helping our Sword Free Literature Fund!

**Saved Through
Sword: Sends
Subscriptions**

Sixteen years ago Richard Lee Hammer was saved after reading THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Here he reminds us to keep on sowing and trust the Lord for results; accepts quota of 25 subscriptions for our twentieth anniversary.

"Dear Brother Rice:

"Christian greetings to you, and to your office workers, and to all those who have a part in the great work you are doing for our Lord Jesus.

"I am writing in response to your offer of subscription at \$1.50 if one would secure twenty-five yearly subscriptions during the next twelve months. I would like to accept this offer, and promise to send this amount, and probably more than this amount, during the next twelve months. I am enclosing the first six subscriptions with this letter.

"Brother Rice, believe me when I say that this paper has really meant a very lot to me during the past sixteen years. I was saved in 1937 through reading your sermon on 'And Sitting Down They Watched Him There,' and ever since THE SWORD has been a spiritual feast and I have enjoyed it more than I can ever tell. When the mail passes, it is the SWORD that claims my attention first of all!

"I can remember when a lad of sixteen years, being a member of the so-called 'Church of Christ,' a dear old saint by the name of Mrs. Ruth Bushong, who was seventy-two years of age, would send me the SWORD by my sisters, who would pass by her house on the way home from school; and upon getting it I would either tear it up or stick it in the fire. One day I had it in my hand, ready to destroy, to rip it into pieces, and I saw the heading, 'Wedding Invitation,' and the Holy Spirit of God spoke to my heart and I thought, 'I'll read this. It's not a sermon!' I got a surprise of my life, but after starting to read I had no desire to quit, though I didn't believe what I read! I was determined to get the Bible and check the references and then prove you to be wrong. I knew you had based your message on Scripture, but I thought and believed your conclusions were wrong.

"As I read the Scripture, the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart and revealed to me that you had been right and that I had been wrong in my belief. I then wrote you, and you sent me your booklet, *What Must I Do to Be Saved?* But it was through reading a message in THE SWORD that I was saved. I was saved about two months after starting to read THE SWORD; about four months after Mrs. Bushong started to send me copies of THE SWORD.

"Brother Rice, two weeks ago I was speaking in a small church here in the city, and in speaking of my conversion from error to the Living Christ, I spoke of Mrs. Bushong who sent me THE SWORD, and I made this statement: 'Don't become discouraged, if you are passing or handing out tracts, booklets, or Gospel papers, and you know they are not being read, but destroyed, for even though a person is determined to destroy it, the Holy Spirit has the power to cause the person to read, and then to convince of sin, and of the truth, and lead that person to a saving knowledge of Christ.'

Mrs. Bushong KNEW I was destroying THE SWORD, yet she kept on sending it. My sisters told her I didn't read it, and it didn't stop her from sending it. After I was saved, I asked her why she kept on sending it when she knew it was destroyed, and believe me, with tears in her eyes, she said, 'I knew the power of God, and He said to cast thy bread upon the waters.'

"Brother Rice, there were many others she could have sent your paper to who would have been glad to receive it and would have read it (Christian friends of hers), but she chose me, and today I praise God for her faith and faithfulness.

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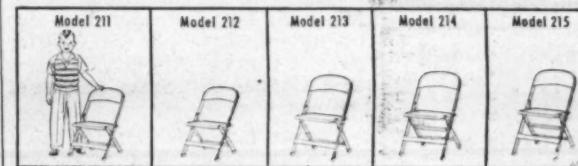
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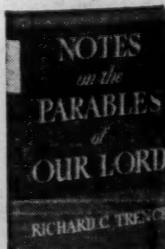
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By the Editor

Sword of the Lord **EVANGELIST EDDIE WAGNER** held a meeting in the Calvary Baptist Church, Whittier, California, from September 27th through October 4th. Pastor G. R. Siemens writes, "From the very first meeting to the last, the power of the Holy Spirit was manifest. Brother Wagner preached with all earnestness. He was frank and uncompromising in his sermons. God rewarded with lost souls finding Christ as Saviour, and church members out of fellowship with the Lord were restored. Confession of sin was common throughout the whole campaign.

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EVANGELIST BILL PIPER writes of a genuine outpouring of the Holy Ghost on his recent meeting with the East Side Baptist Church of Batesburg, South Carolina. Rev. Sam T. Staggs, pastor. Fifty-four made professions of faith in Christ, and there were a total of 196 other decisions. Among these were ten young people who surrendered for full time Christian service.

One charter member of the church said, "We have had many meetings in this church but this is the first genuine revival. This is Pentecost."

SONG LEADER MARTIN W. BROWN, P. O. Box 644, Tracy, California, is re-entering evangelistic work. He is now open for engagements.

EVANGELIST CLIFTON W. BRANNON, 626 Electra Street, Longview, Texas, has just completed a seven day revival at the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia, assisted by Rev. Kenneth Balthrop, Crosby, Texas, who had charge of the music.

There were sixty-seven new converts added to the church by baptism and thirty-two joined the church by letter or statement.

"I would not hesitate to recommend Evangelist Brannon to any church desiring a spiritual awakening," Pastor Ernest Saloom writes.

EVANGELIST DEL FEHSENFIELD, 4521 Jarboe, Kansas City, Missouri, has just closed a two weeks' revival with the Calvary Baptist Church, Augusta, Kansas. Rev. Charles A. Himes, pastor of the new church.

Pastor Himes writes, "What I appreciate about him most was the way in which he preached with strong convictions against sin on the part of the church members as well as the lost, and yet did it with love and compassion for those present."

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EVANGELIST TOM DILLON, L-8 Seminary Village, Louisville, Kentucky, recently completed a wonderful revival with Rev. Ray Bobbs and his Baptist Church near Elizabethtown, Kentucky. In the revival twenty-eight souls were saved.

EVANGELIST FRANK HARPELL, 139 North Street, Stoneham, Massachusetts, sends us this report from Pastor Bruce P. Cummings of his latest meeting: "The Warren Baptist Church of Warren, Maine, has just concluded a ten-day campaign of evangelism with Rev. and Mrs. Frank Harpell. The pastor and church were greatly blessed by the ministry of this godly couple whose zeal is for the winning of precious souls to the Saviour."

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It was in the same auditorium that Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur, Mark Clark, William K. Harrison, and other cadets gathered for a similar observance under the auspices of the AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY long before they launched out and carved careers in the Army which made them world famous.

The Right Rev. Charles Pettit McIlvaine, devout Christian, eloquent preacher, and former Chaplain at West Point, was President of the AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY from 1862-1873. Maj.-Gen. Oliver Otis Howard, West Point graduate known as "the Christian soldier of the Union Army" was President from 1896-1906.

Chaplain Frank E. Pulley officiated at the services and Col. E. R. Heiberg, with the Society's Executive Secretary, Henry G. Perry, presented the Bibles.

Mr. Perry stated that it was a precious privilege to place God's Word, the Holy Bible, in the hands of the Cadets, who some day

would be the leaders in our armed forces. "As a Christian nation, we are privileged under God to put into practice some of the precious promises found in the Bible," said Mr. Perry, "specifically that found in the eleventh chapter of Ecclesiastes: 'Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.'

Dr. Frank E. Gaebeliein, First Vice-President of the Society, preached the sermon and said, in part: "The Bible is the indispensable Book. In a way that applies to no other volume ever written, it is the book of light; in a manner wholly unique, it is the book of life. Whatever else we may say of the Bible, we must say this: It lives in a way in which no other book in the world lives.

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Philip, "Go near, and join thyself to this chariot," we are told. "And Philip ran thither to him . . ." How blessed to be one who is quick to hear what God says do, and quick to do it!

One of the most delightful stories in the Old Testament is that of Rebekah, selected to be the bride of Isaac. When the saintly old servant of Abraham prayed that God would help him to find the right bride for his master's son, Isaac, he prayed that she would be quick to give him water when asked, and that she would volunteer to draw all the water needed for his caravan of camels! And that is exactly what Rebekah did. When the great old man said, "Let me drink, I pray thee," then Rebekah "hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew for all his camels" (Gen. 24: 18-20). I like that girl Rebekah! She "hasted" to do the thing at hand. She did more than was requested. No wonder God chose her to be the bride of Isaac, and an ancestress of the nation Israel and of the dear Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

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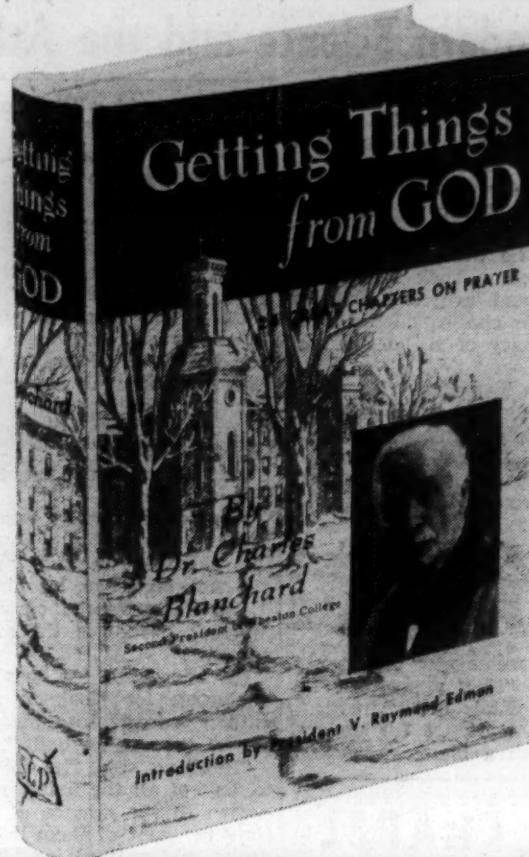
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"hundred pounds?" the questioner continued.

"Certainly," replies the victim, "It probably weighed several hundred tons!"

"Then," cried the infidel in unholy, gleeful triumph, "if the Bible is true, as you claim it is, how could those two priests in Exodus pick up the ark and carry it across the Red Sea?"

It is not too much to say that this is a typical attitude. The critic who wisely discourses on the scientific impossibility of the story of the ark hardly knows that there was an Ark of the Covenant, as well as the ark of the deluge! No believer ever need fear what science may say about that ark of Noah, for science has said all it can say here, and its statements substantiate the account of that ark as the record is given in the book of Genesis.

In certain learned circles, it is considered quite witty to poke fun at "Mr. Noah's houseboat." Even the brilliant Mr. Arthur Brisbane, writing his column for the newspaper syndicate which broadcasted his thoughts widely, had a try at the game. Speaking of the giant reptiles called dinosaurs, which roamed the earth ages ago, Mr. Brisbane said that they were ninety feet long and weighed a hundred tons. (This is, no doubt, true.) Mr. Brisbane's comment is that "Noah must have been crowded in the ark with two of these." His honesty of intent is evidenced when he later says they roamed the earth five hundred million years ago. Did Mr. Brisbane honestly believe it is five hundred million years since Noah built the ark? Of course not; he held that these animals were all extinct ages before Noah lived, but any slim chance to poke fun at God's Book must not be missed.

He Just Didn't Want to Believe It!

The story of the ark has frequently been picked out as a weak point in the Bible's claim to full and absolute inspiration. However, the critics may as well give up hope; there are no weak points in the Book. Every section of the Scripture that is or has ever been under fire has emerged from the crucible secure for all time. Especially is this so when the point has been a scientific one.

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No one knows the actual Buddhist membership of the Hawaiian Islands because count is by family and not individuals, but to those who know this area the tragedy lies in the ignorance of the Word of God in the pulpits, the Sunday schools, and the homes.

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horns many times, until finally he said, "I don't want to talk to you any more; you talk to me as though I were an ignorant fool!" We replied, "That is the finest case of self-analysis I ever saw!" Although he was angry for a while, he came back to see the "wherein" and "whyfor." To open the issue, he challenged the truth and historicity of the account of the flood.

He began by saying, "Now take that ridiculous story of the ark. You certainly can't claim that story is scientifically possible."

"Certainly it is," we replied. "What's wrong with it scientifically?"

"Just this," he answered, "it was utterly impossible for Noah to get two animals of every kind into the ark the size of the one he built."

"Let's examine your argument," we replied. "How many different kinds of animals are there?"

He looked at us for several seconds with a blank expression,

and then said, "Well how many kinds are there?"

"Oh, no," we said, "this is your argument; you go ahead and make it."

After some attempt to evade, he said, "Well, I don't know how many kinds of animals there are, but I will soon find out."

Upon this note he departed. When we saw him again later in the day, he cried out in triumph, "I know now how many kinds of animals there are!"

"All right," we said, "how many kinds are there?"

He said, "There are one million different kinds."

Now, of course he was wrong. His figures were highly inaccurate. But since it was his argument and not ours, we let him make it. So we contented ourselves by replying, "What is the argument now?"

He answered, "It was utterly impossible for Noah to get two million animals into an ark the size of the one he built."

"But," we said, "he didn't have to. Out of all the living creatures known to the science of biology, sixty per cent of them live in the water, and a flood wouldn't hurt them."

"Even at that," he answered, "forty per cent of two million animals is a whale of a lot."

"You are forgetting," we retorted, "that out of the forty per cent that live off the dry land, seventy out of every hundred are insects, which do not take up a lot of room!"

Upon which he got somewhat excited, and raised his voice to shout, "But you have to admit that two elephants will take up a lot of room!"

Whereupon we smiled and said, "But think of all the insects the

size of fleas which could be parked on two elephants, all of them counting and yet not detracting much from the available space."

In some exasperation he said, "Well, no matter how you try to whittle it down, even ten per cent of two million animals could not possibly get in an ark the size of the one that Noah built."

"All right," we said, "how big was the ark?"

He replied, "What do you mean, 'How big was it?'"

We said, "Exactly that. How big was the ark?"

After considerable embarrassed silence, he was forced to admit that he did not know. He did not know whether the ark was ten miles long by five miles wide or whether it was ten feet long by twenty feet wide. We concluded this phase of our discussion by saying, "Now do you see why we talk to you the way you claim we do? What an intelligent argument is this! Here is a totally unknown number of animals, and here is a boat of absolutely unknown size. Yet you claim it is scientifically impossible to get an unknown number of animals into a boat of an unknown size!"

By this time he was quite wroth, and departed saying, "I will find out how big the ark was!"

We had the last word, however, by calling after him, "You should have found out before you rejected the story."

The next day he came in grim determination to say, "Now I know how big the ark was."

"All right," we answered, "how big was it?"

He said, "It was three hundred cubits long by fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high."

"Could that hold two of every kind of animal?"

"No, sir, it could not."

"Why? How long, or how much, is a cubit?"

He didn't know! He didn't know whether the cubit was ten feet or ten yards or ten inches. We closed the argument by saying with all the kindness we could muster, "If a child ten years of age manifested no more logic than you have shown in this argument, you would think he was wanting in intelligence. You have an ark the size of which you do not know. You have a number of animals, which number cannot at this time be determined. Yet you maintain that it is scientifically impossible to get two of an unknown number of creatures into a boat of undetermined capacity!"

The argument would have sounded silly to any listener who did not know the background, but it was sufficiently clear to his mind to start a train of logical thinking. We pointed out to him the depth of intelligence required to make a man reject the Bible on such flimsy grounds as he possessed. Like most men who start to reason, when his eyes were opened to the silliness of his position, he retracted his former statements upon making a study of the details that are given in the record.

Many times we have witnessed the attempt of ignorance to assail the Word of God, and it is always easily frustrated. The purpose of this treatise, however, is to deal seriously with objections to the story of the ark as they have been given to us so often by students and others, and to try to clear up several points.

The Size of the Ark; It Was Big Enough

The first consideration in our study here is the question of the capacity of the ark. The exact size of this famous vessel will probably never be known. Scholarship, knowledge, and the science of archeology have all contributed their quota of information, but we still do not know very much about the exact capacity of this marvelous craft. The text simply says:

"And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits." At first sight that seems enough and sufficiently specific but now we face the question, "How long, or how much, is a cubit?"

Up to the present, this is a question that no scholar has been able to answer, although there are a number of opinions. The basis of

measurement among the early Hebrews was a simple anatomical system. It seemed natural to base earliest measurements upon the parts of the body, and it is generally supposed that the "cubit" was the length of a man's forearm from the inside of the elbow to the tip of the longest finger. This, of course, would differ in various individuals, and confusion would result.

This condition forced the adoption of a definite standard by the Jews and neighboring races, and in their later history Israel had a standardized cubit. Noah's ark, however, was built many years before the Jewish race began, and the standards of later years do not help us very much here.

There is also another possibility that we cannot ignore. The Scripture speaks of "the cubit of a man." Does Moses mean that the cubit Noah used was the length of a man, or was it the length of a forearm? The standard is variable, and it may have been either one. If the length of the ark was three hundred times the length of a man's forearm, we have one problem based on a certain set of factors. If the cubit that is here intended is the entire height of a man, however, we have still another problem with totally different and varying factors. If it was a man's height, how tall was the man?

It is a dangerous proceeding to make an argument from ignorance. How utterly senseless for the critics to say, "We do not know and cannot know the exact size of the ark, but we do know that it could not hold two of every kind of animal then living!"

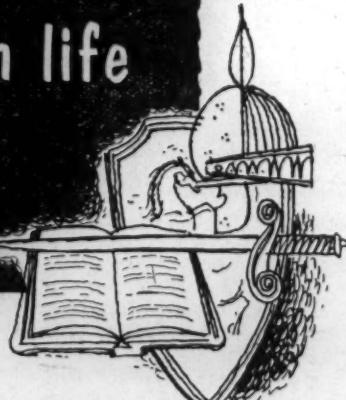
The ark was a ship of gigantic size. To be conservative, we will take as a potential cubit the measurement advocated by the famous scientist and archeologist, William Mathew Petrie. He, being one of the foremost Egyptologists who ever lived, is entitled to speak with some authority, and he says the oldest standard cubit is twenty-two and a half inches. According to this basis, the ark was a tremendous and commodious boat. Five hundred and sixty-two feet and six inches long; ninety-three feet and six inches wide, fifty-six feet and three inches high. Built with a flat bottom, square on both ends and straight up the sides, there was no waste space in bow or stern, and it had the tremendous carrying capacity of a little over two million, nine hundred fifty-eight thousand cubic feet! (2,958,000 cubic feet). This is a tremendous cargo capacity. To put it in modern terms, it would take a train of almost 1,000 freight cars to carry this enormous load, or to provide this amount of cubic space!

That these dimensions and this size are not out of reason, we see from two separate lines of evidence. First, the ancient legendary stories of the ark make it much larger than this. It is inevitable that archeology should uncover traditional accounts of the deluge and the ark from the monuments and tablets of lost civilizations, for these ancient civilizations were founded, of course, by descendants of Noah. When people have a common origin, it is always shown in their common traditions, and as Noah and his sons were the only men saved alive from or through the flood, they must have peopled the entire earth with their progeny.

Indeed, there could have been no other way. That these common legends all point to a common origin, none can gainsay. Some of them are weird and distorted by tradition, but they all testify to two truths: *there was a deluge and there was an ark*.

The many Babylonian accounts of the ark differ in detail. One account, found on ancient clay tablets, described the ark as six stories high, with a mast on top. It had a rudder to steer with, and the whole was crowned by a superstructure, or dwelling. In addition to the presence of the builder and his wife, there was also a pilot who sailed with them. The structure was perfectly cubical, being 140 cubits each way. It was constructed in six stories, each having nine compartments. The clay tablets containing this account of the ark were dug up by George Smith in 1870, and were dated from the (Continued on page 7)

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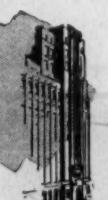
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year 3,000 B. C. They are undoubtedly genuine.

The Greek historian Berossus also gives an exaggerated account of the ark. He describes it as three thousand feet long, and twelve thousand feet wide. He does not give its height.

The most fantastic account of the ark is the description of Origen, who had an extended controversy with a contemporary, whom he tried to silence by claiming that the ark was twenty-five miles long and three-quarters of a mile wide!

Many other tales and accounts could be introduced if we had unlimited time and space, but these must suffice to show the universal belief in the ark and its gigantic size. How simple and worthy of credence the language of the Bible seems to the reasoning modern mind, as we wade through all this ancient tradition dealing with the same subjects and facts! How our faith in the Book grows as we see the difference between an account which is dictated by God and a story man writes to suit his own fancy!

The ark was the largest vessel that ever floated prior to the building of the giant liners of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Because of its square construction, it could carry a third more cargo than any modern vessel that equalled it in size and dimensions. And when modern engine rooms, crew's quarters, control stations, life boats and safety belts, cabins, gymnasias, knife-edge bows and rounded sterns are all deducted, an ark of the size set forth (562 feet by 93 feet by 56 feet) would carry a much larger

load than any ship of these approximate dimensions sailing the seas today.

How Many Animals Were in the Ark?

The second factor in the problem is found in the size of the load. This factor is as variable as is the factor of capacity. The exact number of animals which were carried in the ark can never be determined by science. There may have been more "kinds" living then; certainly there could not have been less than are extant now. Birds, cattle, creeping things, are the only orders mentioned. The others are all grouped under the head of "every living thing of all flesh." Of the animals classified as "clean," there were to be fourteen, seven male and seven female. Of the other, or "unclean" animals, there were to be one pair, a male and a female of each.

Noah was not under the necessity of finding room in his ark for every variety and specimen of animal and bird alive today. As soon as we see this, the problem of the ark is simplified tremendously. The specific command is "of each kind."

A kind is a species, and may generally be described as those which can cross-breed with fertility. Between any two "kinds" there is a line of demarcation closely drawn, and none may cross that line. The living things which can cross-breed or hybridize with fertility are all related

to that genus of "kind," and undoubtedly arose from the same parent ancestral stock. The myriad varieties of each "kind" we see about us today—have come by the process of mutation.

"What!" you say, "is not this evolution?" No, this is not evolution. Evolution is transmutation; and as long as the mutant, or variant, or variety under discussion does not cross that line of demarcation and become some other kind, it is just development and growth. There is a tendency to variation within the boundary of every species. The law of Mendel is based upon observations of this process of variation.

As a very common example of this process, we might cite the dahlia. The dahlia reproduces from a root-clump, which is erroneously called a bulb. This root-clump of the dahlia reproduces true to its type. For instance, if you have red dahlias in your garden this year and you save the root-clumps to plant the following season, from the root-clumps of the red dahlia you will get red dahlias of that type and variety. But the dahlia also produces seeds. When you plant the seeds from a red dahlia, you may get a dozen different colors of dahlia, none of which will be red. Of these mutants or variants, about two per cent will fix themselves as a new type and develop a root-clump that is established. Thus new varieties of dahlia are added to the market from year to year. You will note, however, that these new dahlias remain dahlias. They do not become onions or

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potatoes are tomatoes! As long as the dahlia produces new varieties of dahlia and not something else, we are dealing with mutation. When the dahlia, by an infinite number of changes, produces something which is not a dahlia, we will then have a case of transmutation. So far as the records of science go, this process of transmutation has never occurred.

Now then, if Noah took into his ark a pair of a pure strain of every available creature, the varieties would have arisen by the process of mutation. A typical case in point may be the bee. There are many, many different varieties of bees. But Noah would have to take only a fertile queen into the ark, for her progeny could in turn give rise to all the other varieties. This statement has been objected to on the ground that the queen bee does not care for or raise her own brood, but this work is done by the "workers" of the hive. This is unquestionably the present condition; but how did the first pair of bees raise their young?

If we admit that the bees were created like all other creatures, there was a male and a queen, and from them came all the bees.

If you insist that the bees evolved out of some other lower insect, then the problem remains the same; there was a first true bee, and it had to perpetuate its kind.

There is a species of ant known as the Atta, of whom Beebe has written so engagingly in his book, *The Edge of the Jungle*. These ants have a queen, who lays the eggs from which the workers hatch and rear the young. But when starting a new colony, the queen begins all by herself, laying the eggs and rearing the young unaided, until she has enough workers reared to take over the task, after which she degenerates to a mere egg-laying machine. It is evident that the first bees must have had some such method of procedure as this.

Another case may be the dogs. If Noah took the original strain into the ark, a male and a female, they would give rise to the other varieties of dogs. From one pair of canines, the process of mutation would soon produce all the many different breeds of dog so familiar now, and it is not too much to say that the present varieties of man and each other kind of living creatures could have arisen, and undoubtedly did arise, from an original pair of each kind. So in the case of Noah, he need not crowd his ark with a pair of every known variety, but just take two of the pure strain of each species.

True species are few. Varieties are many. But even of the true species there are some which would not have had to enter the ark. We can see no reason why the ducks could not survive out in the rain, unless certain geological cataclysms that probably attended the deluge would make it impossible. Certainly the rain would not drive them in. The alligators and crocodiles can live in salt water or fresh, or they prefer a mixture of both. They prefer their diet well ripened, so they would fare well outside the ark. The fish would be safe outside, and the barnacles could find a home on the bottom of the ark! In other words, a little analysis of the text shows that Ignorance loses its battle against Revelation here, for as always, Reason is the champion of the latter.

If half of the ark had been filled with food, and fourteen individuals of every true species now inhabiting that part of the world were stored in the other half of the ark, there would have been an average of 175 cubic feet of space for every individual! This would have been more than ample, as a 200 pound man requires only 15 cubic feet.

Who can say how many true species there were? The only comprehensive natural history survey of the land in which Noah lived was made by Dr. Howard Osgood. He found that there were just 575 varieties of mammals and birds between the size of a mouse and the size of a sheep, and 290 varieties between the size of a sheep and the size of a camel. There are no animals larger than the camel extant in the land today.

(One can see that by this estimate that two animals of a kind from all over the world could have been accommodated in the ark. Editor.)

Food they had in plenty. It is evident that they would have no meat diet, as in Genesis the diet of all is given as the same: a vegetarian fare exclusively. See Genesis 1:29, 30:

"And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creeps upon the earth, wherein there is life. I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so."

After the flood this law was changed and flesh was eaten, but up to the time of the flood this law was not violated, as far as we can find out. In another publication (See "The Canopied Earth," by Kellogg), we have seen that there was a physical and scientific reason for the change to meat, but Noah's problem in provisioning

the ark was a simple one. That he had plenty of food we can readily see when we remember that he had had a hundred and twenty years in which to make hay!

The Ventilation of the Ark

A very wise and learned lady once said to us, "Tell your readers how the ark was ventilated! I have always worried about that! There were all those animals and men, and only one little window way up in the roof. How did they breathe?" Skepticism has often used this apparent weakness in the structure of the ark as an opportunity to point the finger of derision and raise the cry of improbability whenever the ark was mentioned. In a recent debate with Dr. Cantrell on the "Scientific Infallibility of Genesis," he ignorantly stated, "The ark was hermetically sealed!" The Scriptures does not so state. Note the language of the text, and you will see two lines of thought worthy of deep analysis. Of course, the exact method of ventilation is not given in detail. This is a record of tremendous events and, as such, does not deal with small details. Histories of great battles do not bother themselves with the fit of the soldiers' clothes, whether their shoes fastened with laces or buttons, and such variety of minor details. Only the main facts are given, as in this present account.

We have the dimensions of the ark, and the shape. A word about these later on. Let us now look at the simple details of the actual construction. It contains this direction: "A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above..." (Or, "Up to a cubit shalt thou finish it.")

Finish what?

The window of the ark?

If the window is to be finished up to a cubit, that probably means it ran the length of the ark to within a cubit of the end. That would be quite some ventilation! But if the words "finish it" refer to the ark itself, we have somewhat the same result. If the walls of the ark are finished "up to a cubit," that will leave an open ventilator all the way around the ark, twenty-two and a half inches wide! In either case, we have an open ventilator providing 2,460 square feet of air space, which is certainly ample. The overhanging eaves would keep the dripping rain out. There is no wind mentioned until the rain stopped, so no rain would drive in. That would be more than sufficient for comfort, and plenty for sanitation. Do not think that the modern sanitary engineer could add to the structure of the ark, for while the builder was Noah, the Architect and Designer was God.

Best Modern Ships Follow Proportions of the Ark

The scientific accuracy of the ark is finally attested by its modern dimensions. The ancients did not so build ships. The ark was exactly six times as long as it was wide. Upon these identical proportions do we build our naval vessels today. In the days when we were in personal daily contact with the Pacific Fleet, the matchless pride of the American Navy was the U. S. S. Mexico. Many, many times we have been on her decks, in her wardroom and gun turrets, and she was then the peer of anything afloat. She was built upon the scientific dimensions of Noah's ark!

Look up to the floating palaces that swim the waters today, and see how nearly they conform to this pattern. Six times as long as they are wide.

The ancients did not follow this plan. Their rule seemed to be their fancy! The ancient Phoenicians were the parents of navigation and shipcraft, and according to scanty records, they built a boat about twice as long as its width.

When Rome entered the First Punic Wars, she had a fleet of three hundred and thirty vessels—biremes, triremes, and quadriremes. These were built after a plan which varied from a length of a hundred and ten feet with a width of eleven feet, to a maximum of one hundred thirty feet long by twelve feet wide, or a general plan of ten times the width for the length. None of the ancients seem to have constructed on the proportions of the ark.

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words, which will never be forgotten, he sees all the things the hands did.

The Cleansing Hands

He sees himself and the other disciples with Christ descending the mountain. They have been impressed, by the things Christ has said and so there is but very little talking going on. Suddenly they notice a leper who approaches them instead of running away immediately and rattling his rattle and yelling, "Impure, impure!" They step back. They are afraid of this awful malady. The women among them draw their skirts together just as they do now when they pass a notorious sinner. The men whisper behind their hands loud enough to be understood by the leper, remarks about "that guy!" The disciples of Christ are like the pious church members of all ages, "How good that I am not as he is." No pity, no longing to help, not one outstretched hand to raise the fellow who has fallen as the feet of Christ.

However, this leper has gone through the very same anguish as some of you sinners have. One day he had noticed a spot on his right arm. Perhaps he had put a piece of beef on it as a possible remedy. But instead of getting better, it got worse; just as you have tried everything to get rid of that special sin in your life. You have tried to do your best; you went to church; you fought it, but instead of combating the sin, it had the victory over you. Yes, it even got worse. This leper very likely had covered up the spot. He knew that if discerned he had to go to the priest, would get a rattle and would have to leave his wife and children to be an outcast for the rest of his life.

Just so you have tried to cover up your sin. Perhaps you have succeeded for a long time, but God's Word says, "your sins will find you out." And they sure will! Sin is like leprosy that eats away the flesh. You hide it under your sleeves and it comes into the open on your forehead. You cover it up with your trousers and it breaks out on your hands. You cannot hide it; it will become manifest and then people will start pointing at you just as the religious folks had done at this leper. And finally he had to show himself to the priest and had become a castaway, roaming through the wilderness of life, wandering the steep mountains of his desert, alone and lonely. Often the solitude had pressed upon him so that he had started to make noise just to hear his own voice. Sin brings solitude.

How often haven't I spent late evenings and nights in our university student club, then coming home late, closing the door behind my back, I have felt that great loneliness of a fellow who has a lot of people to run around with, but no real friends, friends to share all the problems of life with. Lonely in the crowd!

There the leper lies at the feet of Jesus with all his anguish, pain, sorrow, and loneliness asking for strength, and the hands of Christ touch his worn body. The disciples leap backward. They yell, "Lord, be careful or you will get it, too!" But the cleansing power of the pure Saviour flows through the hands and the white sores disappear suddenly from the arms, face, legs and body of this man. He is healed and, leaping for joy, he goes to the priest, who only could condemn him, to show that Christ is more than an earthly priest.

Have these hands touched your sin-sick body, soul and spirit? Have you experienced the cleansing power of these pure hands?

The Life-giving Hands

"Behold my hands!" Thomas looks at them and he sees the hands being used in another instance. A group of people have just reached the gates of the tiny town, when they have to stand aside in order to allow the burial procession to pass. Filled with pity, they look at the poor woman who has lost all she has. Hot tears run down her cheek and she doesn't even see the young man who didn't step aside. In the eyes of the people shines pity, but in

the eyes of Christ burns compassion. The men can't pass. Life and death meet! Often before they had met and life had to step aside for the victory march of death. Every one of us have to meet one special appointment: "For it is appointed unto men once to die . . ." We try to dodge it, we don't want to keep it, but one day death will meet us all. One day he will stand in the midst of our life-path and there won't be space to step aside to let him pass.

But here it is the other way around: Life stands in the way. Life stops the course of the bier. Life touches death and the young man, feeling the life-giving hands, sits up. Oh, these wonderful hands of Christ! They stop us on our skid row to Hell, they break the bands of Satan and sin and we, who are dead in trespasses and sins, sit up and know that we have eternal life.

There are always people who say: "You can't know you are on your way to Heaven." But whenever you have felt the life-giving hands of Christ, I assure you, you know something has happened; you know you live for the first time in your life. Or did you think that widow's son answered one who asked him whether he knew he was alive: "I don't know," or "I hope so," or "I think so?" No, he sat up and he knew for sure, just as the surrounding people knew it too. Don't think this Christian life business is a secret thing. Whenever Christ is living in our hearts, it will be shown in our life. Not only do His hands take away our sins and reconcile us to God, but they also give that wonderful new life to enable us to live for God.

The Multiplying Hands

"Behold my hands!" Again the vision changes. Thomas sees a mountainous area and thousands of people crowding around Christ. He also sees Philip standing behind the Master urging Him to let the people go; again the words in his ears, "Give ye them to eat!" These words have still the same force today. In our age the people are hungry, seeking for something to eat. We Europeans who have experienced the disastrous faith and forms destroying war have lost all we thought would enable us to stand in troublous times. Often people wonder why Europe is so weak and falls so easily for socialism and communism. Is it not because of Proverbs 27:7, "The full soul loatheth a honeycomb, but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet."

Just two weeks ago I finished a tent campaign in Assen, in the North of Holland. On the last day just across from the house where I was staying a nineteen-year-old girl gassed herself, and that very day an elderly woman not far from there did the same. This thing is going on all over the world because people are sick of this life and don't have anyone to turn to for real help.

Often, when speaking about Christ, I have heard people cry out, "I don't believe it!" It is not the cry of a Hell-deserving sinner but the prayer often of a seeking soul looking for solace. And God speaks to us, "Give ye them to eat!"

What have you ever done for these hungry hearts? Have you ever spoken a word? Given a tract? Too many Christians have never spoken a word for Christ. Whenever they sit in a restaurant and they must say grace, their knees tremble so hard that the waiter looks out of the window thinking a Sherman tank is passing. You say, as did Philip, "We have nothing."

And that is the terrible thing. We claim to be rich, and we are so in spiritual blessings from God; but when the Lord asks us of our riches to bless others, they disappear as a soap bubble in the air. "When we Christians meet," a young lady told me last week, "we speak about the weather, about the new hat of the girl across the street; we criticize last week's sermon and say it was as dry as a sack of rice; we gossip the latest town talk, but we never speak a word about Christ!"

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There those disciples stood, empty-hearted and empty-handed and if there hadn't been a child who gave what he had, the people would have gone home hungry. Five loaves and two small fishes—enough to be put into the hollow tooth, but in the hands of Christ enough to feed the multitude.

Time and time again I have seen in my short ministry the Lord using children when He couldn't use the older folks. Once during a Youth for Christ tent campaign with a Dutch team in Southern Germany we had the privilege of leading a child to Christ after the children's meeting. The next day the two year old sister came to

Christ, after that the mother, then her brother and finally Dad was saved. The family had never been in church, the child didn't know anything about the Bible. But she put into the hands of Christ what she had; He used it in a mighty way.

The hands of Christ forgive—they touch and give a new LIFE. Then they ask for what we have to multiply it a thousandfold!

The Outstretched Hands

"Behold my hands!" Thomas sees the scars of the rough, rusty nails, the hole in the middle and he remembers how the fingers

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their day. Of them it was said that they "turned the world upside down" by the words of their witness and the testimony of their lives.

When Christ came, Roman law had failed; Greek philosophy had failed; Oriental mysticism had failed; all had failed. And all remedies, except the remedy which is in Christ, have failed in our day. We have tried big business; we have tried diplomacy; we have tried statecraft; we have tried war; we have tried secular education! And the Lord still asks: "Wherefore do you spend money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which satisfieth not?" God said to us through Jeremiah: "My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living

waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water." Let us leave off these insufficient and failing remedies offered by the world. For our present and eternal welfare, let us try Christ! We must follow Him, or perish!

Soul Winning Must Come First With the Preacher

This witness, this testimony, this example should be the master passion of every Christian in the world. You say, "It ought to be the master-passion of the preacher," and you are right. Woe betide the people if the preacher be not true witness and a faithful shepherd of souls! Woe betide the people! "Oh son of man, I have set thee a watchman. And if thou failst to watch, and evil shall overtake the

Dr. Bob Jones Says:

During the depression when the highways of America were crowded with university graduates out of work, we made several surveys and found that every graduate of Bob Jones University had a position. There is something about the type of training and practical spiritual emphasis of this school that equips young people to fit into situations where they can do effective work without compromising their Christian convictions. We praise God for our alumni around the world, the overwhelming majority of whom are faithful and loyal to their Alma Mater. I am quoting below a letter from one of our graduates who is connected with Campus Crusade for Christ and who is working in connection with one of the greatest universities on this continent. The following is what he says:

"It was only last spring that I graduated from Bob Jones University. I spent four of the happiest years of my life there, but I didn't fully realize all that

I was receiving that would equip me for life. I found my life's companion at Bob Jones University. We were married right after school was out, and now God has led us here to work with Campus Crusade for Christ. I know you have met Bill Bright, the director, and you know something of how Campus Crusade operates. I simply want to share with you a little of what I have found in the time I have been here.

"We have been assigned to the campus of this university, which, as you know, is one of the great universities of our country. Yet, Dr. Bob, the more I see of the campus, the more I talk to students, the more I appreciate my own Alma Mater. I haven't found anything yet that I would exchange for anything I got at Bob Jones University. I have found that I never have to apologize for my academic training, but greater than that, at Bob Jones University I learned something that very few of these students know anything about: I learned to live. We find that most of the students we meet are looking for something, and it is a great joy to tell them the simple Gospel story that so few of them have ever actually understood before. Dr. Bob, you used to tell us that people today aren't Gospel hardened, they are just Gospel ignorant because they have never heard enough Gospel to be hardened. I've seen already that this is actually the case.

"Another thing that has delighted me is that Campus Crusade utilizes the same principles of evangelism that you taught us. It has been wonderful to find that same emphasis carried through Campus Crusade. The simple Gospel given from a heart of love is the only answer to anybody's problem and even to the problem of the college student. I'll never forget the story you told us about the time you were asked by a certain college group to be their special speaker. When you got there, they told you about a girl who was present at the meeting. She was a very brilliant girl and none of that group felt they could approach her on her own intellectual level; therefore, she hadn't been reached for Christ. That night you stood and explained the simple Gospel and even before you could finish, the girl was in tears. She accepted Christ and then told you that she had wanted to be

saved all the time but no one ever told her how. I remembered that story and when I got here to join Campus Crusade, I was pleased to find that Bill Bright has the same emphasis. God is blessing Campus Crusade in its middle-of-the-road Gospel approach even as He has blessed Bob Jones University for the same reason. I'm very happy that God has led me into this wonderful fruitful work.

"I have a two-fold purpose in this letter, Dr. Bob. First of all, I had these things on my heart that I wanted to tell you about how grateful I am for what I learned at Bob Jones University. Then I mentioned Campus Crusade because in the days to come we are going to need more men in this effort and I feel that men trained at Bob Jones University are the best equipped to do the job. A representative of Campus Crusade hopes to come to Bob Jones University soon, and I hope he will be able to contact some students whom the Lord would have in the Crusade.

"Dr. Bob, as I'm now in a position to look back over the years I spent at Bob Jones University I can't think of a single thing I want any different. Let me add my voice to the voices of many Bob Jones University graduates who have gone before me. Keep it just like it is. I know that is exactly what you intend to do, and my love and prayers are with you there."

"As soon as I read this letter, I checked to find out whether this alumnus who is doing such a wonderful work for God had to have a work/loan scholarship. I found that he was able to pay his way in full; but his wife, who was one of the finest students we ever had and who is associated with her husband in the great work he is doing for God, had to have a work/loan scholarship in order to attend Bob Jones University. We have numbers of young people that wish to train at Bob Jones University for full-time Christian work who are not able to pay all of their expenses. That is the reason we keep on keeping on asking you people to make a contribution to the Student Loan Endowment and Missionary Fund. Remember that half of the money that you send to this Fund is used to help young people that have to have financial assistance in order to attend the University, and the other half is given to the direct spread of the Gospel around the world. We are praying that God will move mightily upon the hearts of Christian people so this fund can be built up and so we can give additional money to get the Gospel out to the most people possible in the shortest time possible. Oh, yes, here is another thing: Remember, we are pleading with all of God's people everywhere to pray for Bob Jones University that the institution may be kept true as it has been kept true by the grace and power of God up until this time. These are awful and trying days. We have never surrendered to the subtle satanic influences that are working in so many places in our day. We are not going to surrender. We praise God that we are in the midst of the greatest year we have ever had in the history of Bob Jones University. Keep praying for us and God bless you.

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cramped around the head of the nail in terrible anguish. They weren't nailed to the cross because they did anything wrong, but because in His hands Christ carried our sins, our sorrows, our need, our difficulties. Sinner, your sins and mine left the scars more than the nails did. Your guilt and mine was so heavy it pierced the hands. For you and me they were nailed to the tree, marred, scarred to save us the punishment for our sins. Look at your own hands, without spots and scars. They should have been pierced for your own sins, but Christ's were because He put His hands between the nails and our hands. To save your soul He deliberately went the way to Calvary.

Now these hands are stretched forth to receive sinners, just as they were to Thomas. Behold them! They ask for a decision. In Heaven the angels looked down at Thomas to hear from his own lips what he would do with these hands. The angels will rejoice when one sinner comes to repentance and they are waiting to rejoice over you. Grasp the hands! They are for you. They can help you too!

Some waver. Grasping the hands of Christ means letting go so much. A girl sighs, "I like to have fun. I don't want to go around as an old woman who swallowed a walking stick." Where in the Bible does it say so? Since I came to Christ I had more fun than ever before. Now I can really be happy for I have something to live for, my future is assured, and I don't have to bear my difficulties alone. God wants you to be happy. A fellow murmurs, "It is too hard to give up some things." Sure! I agree. It was hard to give up my head aches in the morning when I awoke after having spent all night in the student club of the university where I studied. I am still coming in late every night but not from the saloon any more but from a meeting where I have been preaching Christ. And no longer I awake groggy with a head of five hundred pounds where four workmen are repairing the inside with sledge hammers. Do as a child you older folks. The Gospel isn't negative. It is positive. When my child holds something dangerous, I don't just take it away. If I do that, it starts yelling and screaming. No, I give it a ball, or another bright object and with both hands it grasps it, dropping the dangerous thing. Christ doesn't want to empty our hands—He wants to fill them.

The Punishing Hands

However, we shouldn't wait too long. God is no St. Nicolas with a long beard, always giving gifts. One day God's grace takes an end and then we read, "Therefore is the anger of the Lord kindled against his people, and he has stretched forth his hands against them."

Not so long ago we Dutchmen felt a bit of this punishing power. I was supposed to preach in a little village in the southwest of Holland and arrived Saturday night, the night the storm and the flood hit that area and isolated us from the rest of the country by breaking the dykes. For thirty-six hours we fought the water. The village just

south of us had completely disappeared under the waves and our dyke too could break any moment. During school days I often had read stories of floods, illustrated with drawings of men working, and women praying in church. I felt I too had to change the services to prayer meetings. I waited in church but nobody came. Naturally the men were working; but where were the women? They were at the dyke too filling the sandbags, and the few who weren't there had to take care of the children. Then I realized for the first time in life there is a time to pray and a time to work; there is a time to accept Christ and a time you can't anymore. When disaster strikes, when God stretches forth His hands in wrath, you had better have your praying done and Christ accepted. God's hands are still stretched forth in grace, but be careful, brother, or they will be stretched forth in wrath!

Is Your Name Engraved in His Hands?

"I would like to become a Christian," a girl told me last week. A terrible story was hers. At the age of sixteen she wanted to go to the Salvation Army, but her father forbade her. That was good for the people out of the slums, but not for his daughter. "Then I go to the saloon!" she had said, and going to the saloons, staying out late every night, coming home drunk, she soon fell down into the pit of moral destruction. Once she had tried to change her life and to live as a Christian, but after two weeks she had met her old friends again and sunk even deeper. "I am afraid I won't have the strength to live up to it," she wept.

Friend, neither do you nor I, but it isn't our strength that counts, but His. Listen to the wonderful promise in Isaiah 49:16, "Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands." Again we have the same admonition we also heard the Lord use to Thomas, "Behold!" "Use your eyes!" "Look at it."

Is your name graven in His hands? For many years the Lord stretched forth His hands toward me, but I ignored them. I lived my own life, went my own way! I was one of the countless millions without a name, whom the Lord called

time and time again, "Where art thou?" as He called Adam, omitting his name, for he had lost it because of his sin. But yet my name is now written in His hands: GUILT! It was graven not by a golden needle nor by a diamond knife, but with an old rusty nail, leaving an imprint which will be there throughout eternity, and which no man nor Devil, neither God Himself, can take away.

—"Behold my hands!" Look at them! Don't you see your name written there too! Grasp those wonderful, saving, forgiving, life-giving, multiplying hands and they will grasp you to never let you go,

they will guide you, strengthen you, help you, enable you to live

the life and they will finally give

you a place prepared by His very

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one over whom I have appointed thee to watch, then will I require his blood at thy hand." Oh, the responsibilities of a preacher! One's heart fairly shrinks with the thought of the responsibilities of a preacher!

Rutherford, a glorious preacher in Scotland generations ago, left a diary for our instruction—and gracious instruction it is! As you scan that diary, you can see Rutherford's tears and feel the heartbreak, as he makes his cry to God to enable him to help the people: "Oh, if these souls from Anworth will meet me at God's right hand, my heaven will be two heavens in Emmanuel's land!" I would paraphrase it and say: "Oh, if these souls in Dallas will meet me at God's right hand, my heaven will be two heavens in Emmanuel's land!" Surely, the preacher must be a passionate seeker after the souls of men.

Parents Are Responsible to Win Unsaved Children

Who else is to care? Parents are to care. They cannot abdicate nor delegate their responsibilities. I do not see how any man can keep from having a shadow across his heart, darker and heavier than my words can say, when his family is going to ruin spiritually. One wonders how a father or mother can go on, with a child or children out of Christ. How can parents be worldly and careless while their children are on the downward way? They may be in their graves before three days are past. How can parents be careless?

Every time the Lord lays a little babe on the hearts of young parents, there goes with the child a commission: "Take this child and rear it for Me." That commission is from God, and if parents put other things first, and evil overtakes the child, one day with broken heart the father shall stand in the gate as did David of old and wail out the piercing, poignant cry: "Oh my son, Absalom, my son, my son, Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!" I have heard that cry in Dallas. How can parents be careless, be prayerless, be worldly, be indifferent, be inconsistent, with the child or children being molded and shaped by them for all time and eternity! How can parents be careless concerning the spiritual welfare of their children?

The home is God's first institution for mankind. I repeat what I have said scores of times in your hearing. I am more concerned about the American home than I am concerned about any one thing in American life. There is much in American life that gives me great concern now. There are drifts, there are signs, there are tokens, there are influences that entail peril for this country. But I am more concerned about the American home than I am concerned about any other one thing. There seems to be a conspiracy to destroy the old-fashioned, quiet, prayerful, God-honoring home. If we are not watchful, we shall lose our taste for reading—solid, substantial reading—because of the manifold features of entertainment and because of the endless bid of the radio for our time and attention.

The primary business of parents is to train up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Parents have no place for

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smiles over their boasted achievements, though they may pile up bank deposits and have vast treasures of material wealth, if their children are on the road to destruction, giving no evidence of interest in the supreme things of God.

Yes, parents are to care for the spiritual welfare of their children.

I adjure you to give your best attention to the highest welfare of those precious children committed to your care. The supreme responsibility is yours. You parents should and can do more to mold those young lives than anyone else in the world. Mold them, shape them, train them, while they are young by your godly precept and example, and when they are old they will not likely depart therefrom.

Teachers and S. S. Teachers: How Great Their Opportunities to Point Pupils to Christ!

Teachers are to care. The teacher sits on a throne. He may have only six little ragged boys, but he is on a throne. The teacher who does not understand that his opportunities with these children, and his responsibilities for them, are enough to make the archangels tremble—the teacher who does not

understand that should forsake his teacher's calling and go elsewhere, to be a blacksmith or something else and not to trifle with the young life of our children. Teachers are to care. Melanchthon, the scholar and philosopher of the Reformation, rightfully said: "To train one youth is a greater achievement than the military conquest of Troy." Teachers are to care—and, in particular, Sunday School teachers. The Sunday School teacher who does not have a burden for the class, for each and every member of the class and who does not say: "My heart's desire and prayer to God is that every member of my class might be saved"—the Sunday school teacher who does not have that kind of burden for the class should do one of two things. He should give up the class, saying, "I will not face it," or, which is far better, he should repent and do his best to bring each member of that class to the Son of God. Sunday School teachers are to care!

Who else is to care? Every Christian is to care. All Christians are to care. The humblest Christian under the sound of my voice can point souls to Christ. Every Christian has as much as one talent. Most of us have just one. Every Christian can point people to Christ. The needle woman can; the wash woman can; the humble clerk can; the groceryman can; the cab-man can; every Christian can point people to Christ. And that is our business—primary, central, supreme, and unceasing—that is our business.

Christian Employer Accountable for Unsaved Workers

I have told this congregation about two men, one in the North and one in the South, but their stories will do to tell again. The one in the South was a great banker. He told me the story himself and some of his men told me more, which was very much in his favor. He said he became much concerned about the employees in his bank, which was one of the big banks of the South. He had such concern about them that one day he called them all together for an evening meal and with fear and trembling they came. They said: "Maybe this is our final contact with him; he is going to get rid of us; he is going to change things." When the dinner was over, he arose and said: "I have called you together first of all because I want to tell you how much I appreciate you and then I hurry to tell you that I want to ask you to forgive me, if you can, for I have been a Christian for years and years, and I have never talked to any one of you personally about your soul. The Christian can do better than that. I could have done better; I ought to have done better. You probably have the impression that I think bank deposits are more important than the souls of the people. I really do not think that, but I have acted as though I did. I want you to forgive me, if you can." And then he poured out his heart to that group, the majority of whom were already Christians, and said so through tears and lifted hands. But a little group of them lifted their hands indicating that they were not Christians and the bank president turned preacher and exhorted them and before a week had gone by, he had won them all to Christ. That was a great scene in a Southern city.

Church Officers Are to Be Soul Winners

But in a Northern city, a certain Presbyterian pastor's heart was greatly discouraged. Months had gone by and not a soul had been converted, not one, and he was greatly discouraged. He called his elders together, and said to them: "I am thinking about resigning. People are not being converted and a church is to win people to Christ. I am wondering if I ought to resign as pastor of the church."

Then the elders said, "Oh, no, your preaching is very edifying." And he said: "Edifying for what? You elders come on Sunday morning, and heaven alone knows where you are Sunday night. One in a dozen of you come to prayer-meeting; heaven alone knows where the others are on prayer-meeting night. Edifying for what? A church is to win people for Christ and the

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members are to fortify and undergird the services. They are to be living epistles' walking up and down the street, glorifying God in a manner that even the devil must respect." Then with deep feeling, he said: "Things will have to change or I am going to resign as your pastor. And that is not all. I think you elders ought to resign also. I think a new crew ought to be in charge at this church. Every one of you, I think, should give up your work as I certainly shall, if things do not improve." Then he asked the senior elder: "Did you ever win a soul to Christ in your life?" And he said, "Never." Then he asked this same question of each elder and not one of them could say, "Yes, I have won a soul to Christ."

That talk marked an epoch in the lives of all that company, preacher and elder alike. That great senior elder went to his business house the next morning and said to his right-hand man: "Bob, let me see you alone." And when they were alone he said: "Bob, have I not been a good friend to you, a kindly friend?" Bob said: "You certainly have. Anybody in the world is to be congratulated who has you for his friend." Then the elder said: "No, I have not been a good friend. I have been a church member from my young manhood, and I have known you for years and years; we have talked day in and day out through those years and I have never said a word to you about the main thing. I have been quite remiss in my treatment of you. We are both at eternity's door and I claim to be the friend of Christ, put here to help lead men to Him, and I have never said one word to you about Christ in all these years." He sobbed out his confession to

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Christ Is Adequate!

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Bob, his chief ally in business, With the doors shut, he said: "If you do not mind, we will kneel down and I will try to pray." And he prayed, mostly for himself, then he prayed a few words for Bob, and when the prayer was finished, Bob arose and said: "I yield to Christ; right now I yield to Him."

The story goes that this big business man won every man in his employ to Christ, and that the other elders through the week won thirty men who offered themselves for membership in the church the following Sunday, saying: "We have found the Saviour and these elders pointed us to Him."

I think I could lie down and die in peace if my men would live and witness like that. I would say like Simeon of old, "Now, Lord, let thy servant depart in peace for I have seen Thy salvation."

We Must Tell All That Christ Is Adequate to Save and Keep

Every Christian is to care. And furthermore, every Christian is under solemn obligation to bear his or her witness concerning Christ and His power to save. The world needs to have that witness borne. Right here in Dallas there are many thousands of men and women, boys and girls, who are groping in darkness, who know not Christ. They are lost and undone. It is not true that we Christians are guilty before God if we withhold from them the witness that we can and ought to bear? My dear deacons, and teachers, and members—hundreds of you, yes, thousands of you—is not your duty and glorious privilege of witnessing for Christ to the lost people all around you both clear and urgent? In these days of desperate need and blessed opportunity will you not go afielid among the people, as did the early Christians, humbly, prayerfully, faithfully, lovingly bearing your witness and giving your testimony as to your Saviour, who is able to save unto the uttermost all who will accept Him and trust Him? You can do that, and you will do that if you really care about the salvation of the lost and if you have a great love for Christ who died for them and for you.

Paul points the way for us. He uses God's Word: "For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him (on Christ), shall not be put to shame." That is Paul's method. He appeals to the Scriptures, and that is his appeal. "The scripture says . . ."; not "The church says . . .". Our source of authority is the Holy Scriptures. All our creeds and conduct and opinions are to be tried by the Word of God, not by anything else. "The scripture saith!" Paul's appeal was to the Scriptures. He followed Jesus when he preached. Jesus appealed to the Scriptures. In His very first sermon, Jesus quoted from Isaiah. And in His great wilderness temptation with Satan, He appealed to the Scriptures. He hurled the Scriptures into the face of Satan and repelled him.

Christ Meets Every Test of Life and Death and Eternity

All the apostles, following the example of Jesus and Paul, said: "As saith the Scriptures." And Paul points us to the source of all our help: "The scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Christ shall not be put to shame." You will never be confounded—you will never be put to shame—if you will put your case in the hands of Christ. If you will believe in Him, rest on Him, lean on Him, commit your way to Him, the Scriptures say you will never be put to shame. Christ meets the test. He meets the test of life. Oh, what a test it is! I can take you in twenty minutes from this place to men and women who have lost their businesses but they are not bitter at all. They say: "We have Christ left." I can take you in a few minutes to people whose dearest earthly treasures are gone, but they are singing through their tears: "Don't you know He cares?" They are singing that now. Christ meets the test of life.

And then He meets the test of death. I have been called three or four times during the week just gone and, in every case at the funeral, the evidence was over-

whelming that the departed one met that test when the test came, the test of death. John Wesley, great old hero of the faith, said: "Our people die well." Some of us, in our smaller sphere, can say like Wesley, "Our people die well."

Yesterday I buried one whom, years and years ago, I buried with Christ in beautiful baptism. He had been ill for a while. He sent me word: "I am ready; my time is at hand; I am ready to go and am unafraid. Back yonder, you pointed me to Christ, the source of all comfort and life and salvation and I go now, unafraid to meet Him." Our people die well.

Christ meets the test of eternity. He meets the test of what is beyond. You remember that terrible tragedy which occurred in East Texas two or three years ago, when about three hundred school children were burned to death in one of the most heart-breaking tragedies of modern times. The horrors of it still chill us beyond words. There was a little boy, a tiny little fellow five years of age, whose little sister was burned to death in that awful holocaust. The little boy of five said to his friend: "Do you know where my sister is?" His little friend said: "She is in the grave." "No," he said, "she is not in the grave; she is in Heaven with Jesus and she is having the best time you ever heard of in your life." The little fellow had it right: "At home with the Lord." Christ never fails. He meets the test of eternity and all the other tests.

Oh, are not we Christians ready afresh to give Him the best that is within us? Is not the lukewarm Christian resolved to say: "I will put away my lukewarmness. I will repent of my backsliding. I will go in the way marked out by Christ for His friends."

The last thing David Livingstone wrote in his diary was: "Jesus, my Saviour, my King, my God, I rededicate my all to Thee to be and to do for Thee the best that I can until the day is done." Can you not do the same thing, and do it today? Are there not men and women listening to me who, down in their hearts, have made the surrender to Christ but have held back their confession of it? Are you not ready to come out of all hesitation and inaction and disobedience, and follow Christ for your sake and for the sake of others bound up with you, and for the sake of Christ who died for us all? Are you not ready to come out of your secret discipleship and say: "Yes, I lean on Christ; I have put my case in His hands once and for all, and I mean by His help to live for Him"? Are you not ready to take your place in the church with His people?

And is there not the man or woman here ready to say: "I am ready today to begin. I am ready today to yield; ready today to decide; ready today to surrender; ready today to start with Christ. Dear Lord, I put my case in Thy hands; I give Thee myself; I accept Thee as my Saviour in Thine own great sovereign way; I surrender to Thee and I make my decision that Thou mayest be my Saviour from today"? Are you now ready to make that decision?

"Oh happy day that fixed my choice

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"Oh happy day that fixed my choice
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